

CITY OF NORWAY  
NORWAY, MICHIGAN

MARCH 3, 2003  
REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING		The City Council of the City of Norway met in regular session at 8:15 P.M., Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Norway City Hall with Mayor Coates presiding.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE		Mayor Coates led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
ROLL CALL		Members present were: Coates, Bal, Hayes, Spence  Absent: Tinti
OTHERS PRESENT		Others present were: Ray Anderson, City Manager/Clerk; Karl Zueger, Utilities Director; Jay Olivares, City Attorney; John Jarecki, Chief of Police; Mary Moreau, City Treasurer; Trisha Plante, Deputy Clerk; Doni Mae, The Current; Lisa, The Daily News; and 23 citizens.
EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER TINTI	03-026	A motion was made by Council member Bal, supported by Council member Hayes and unanimously approved to excuse Council Member Tinti.
APPROVE MINUTES	03-027	A motion was made by Council member Hayes, supported by Council member Spence and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2003 regular meeting.
APPROVE MINUTES	03-028	A motion was made by Council member Spence, supported by Council member Bal and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2003 special meeting.
APPROVE MANIFEST	03-029	A motion was made by Council member Spence, supported by Council member Bal and unanimously approved manifest #2003-05 in the amount of \$67,866.27.
CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING 2-27-03		Spence - No comment.  Hayes - Read statement, To the Norway City Council  The issue of logging in the Fumee Lake Natural Area was settled over a decade ago with the vote of the citizens of Dickinson County. At that time the vote was 2628 for preservation and 668 against. In the City the vote was 517 for and 67 against a natural area. Unfortunately, one of the few people in town who voted against the area was John Deagner. I know this because he told me. Now he is the deciding vote on the County Board that has Okayed logging even though it is a direct violation of the City's deed, the County ordinance, and the master plan of the Fumee Lake Natural Area. His vote was supposedly based on an informal survey of people who chose to call him.  Now as Henry Wender stated, "the ball is in your court". I might add that the only reason the ball is in our court is because of the previous resolution this Council made and the fact that we went to their meeting, otherwise the

City's restrictive deed was completely ignored by three County Board members.

It is my position that we should not and cannot change the deed at this point. If we can, then any future Council can completely rescind all restrictions by a simple majority vote. If we vote to allow any logging in the FLNA then we could end up in court along with the County Board. Henry Wender asked us for permission for emergency vehicles to enter the area. How absurd. No reasonable person would expect an ambulance to be excluded from the FLNA in the case of an emergency. After the border war with Ohio the Upper Peninsula became part of Michigan. Thus far the FLNA has been managed similar to the state of Michigan's guidelines for a wilderness or natural area. I believe they allow emergency vehicles, maintenance vehicles, and cross country ski grooming in these non-motorized areas, but have a strict no harvest policy.

There is not logical reason to allow logging in the FLNA. To say that wind damage couldn't be predicted is absurd. We live in a windy area. To say the wind damage is a mess and needs to be cleaned up indicates a lack of understanding of what a natural area is. To say it is a safety issue is ridiculous. The two or three trees that hang over the trails should have been cleaned months ago. A tree on the ground poses no safety hazard to anyone. To allow logging so members of the FLNA commission and the County Board can "save face" would support their lack of understanding of the issues.

We were told that the FLNA could not be sold without another vote of the citizens of Dickinson County. This applies not only to the inorganic soils and land area but also any organic matter or plants that happens to be there.

This discussion has gone on long enough. It's tearing the people of the area apart and creating hard feelings. The issue is now in the hands of the court. For this council to take action now is asking for trouble.

Bal - Totally against waste. Not to do something would be a waste of money. Should keep the money in the Lake Fumee Organization. Would be nice to get the elderly rides to view Lake Fumee.

Coates - No comment.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Patricia Cazzola -	Norway
Lucy Shampo	Iron Mountain Lk Fumee Com.
Robert Povich	Iron Mountain
Dan Carlson	Norway
Christine Carlson	Norway
Art Belding	Norway Township
Hager Anderson	Breitung Township
Henry Wender	Breitung Twnship, County Board
Audrey Eiche	Norway
Margie Meiner	
Frank Smith	Breitung Twnship, County Board

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CLOSE           03-030 A motion was made by Council member Bal, supported  
PUBLIC           by Council member Spence and unanimously approved  
HEARING          to close public hearing regarding Fumee Lake  
                    Natural Area deed restrictions - continuation from  
                    Thursday, February 27, 2003.

APPROVE        03-031 A motion was made by Council member Spence,  
RESOLUTION     supported by Council member Hayes and unanimously  
PARENTING       approved March as Parenting Awareness Month.  
AWARENESS  
MONTH

APPROVE        03-032 A motion was made by Council member Spence,  
RESOLUTION     supported by Council member Hayes and unanimously  
US2/141 &       approved resolution for municipal support for  
PORTIONS OF     Highway corridor plan for US 2/141, and portions  
M-95 CORRIDOR   of M-95.  
PLAN

APPROVE        03-033 A motion was made by Council member Bal,  
ARTICLES       supported by Council member Spence and unanimously  
OF INCORPORA-   approved that the articles of incorporation for  
TION - NORTH     the North Alert EMS Ambulance Authority be  
ALERT            approved.

APPROVE        03-034 A motion was made by Council member Hayes,  
ELECTRIC        supported by Council member Spence and unanimously  
COST OF          approved Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.'s proposal  
SERVICE RATE   of \$9,700.00 after checking references for  
STUDY            recommendation to Council for Cost of Service/Rate  
                    studies as they are the low bidder.

COUNCIL                Spence - Commend Electric Utility Board  
COMMENTS              for a job well done.

Hayes - No comment.

Bal - Liked Mr. Belding's comments. Has the City ever  
thought of getting a welder? Purpose of water lines  
freezing.

AUDIENCE              Bud Schultz  
COMMENTS              Patricia Cazzola  
                        Phyllis Carlsen  
                        Ace Goodreau

ADJOURN        03-035 A motion was made by Council member Spence,  
                    supported by Council member Hayes and unanimously  
                    approved to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

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Edward J Coates, Mayor

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Ray Anderson,  
City Manager/Clerk